

**Community Development  
Regular Meeting  
April 18, 2003-8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Those present: Dave Grignon, Wendell Askenette, Susan Waukau, Dave Corn, Bernard Vigue, Pat Corn and Jim Horton. Nobody was absent. Also present for the meeting was David "Jonesy" Miller.

**2. Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Review Minutes Dated March 21, 2003-**

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to approve the minutes dated March 21, 2003. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 0--absent, 1-abstention (Jim Horton). Motion carried.**

**4. Building Dwelling Codes-**

Bernie Vigue informed the committee that the issue is gone to the MTL/Menominee County Task Force and they are going over the legal issues.

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to table the Building/Dwelling Codes issues. Motion was seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

**5. Discuss Funds for Placing Land into Trust-**

Bernie informed the committee that he is going to have a big problem with his budget because he has to keep paying for the taxes on land that is turned back over to the tribe. Bernie stated that there is a long process and a lot of paper work that goes into changing land from fee land into trust and could be several months before the land is back in trust. While all the paper work is in process, the tribe assumes the responsibility of paying the taxes on the land and sometimes the bills are quite high.

Bernie stated that in most cases of turning fee land into trust is the land owner simply gets sick or is unable to afford the tax payments and goes to the tribe to see if the land can be put into trust. Committee members feel that if that's the case then the land owner should assume the responsibility of the taxes until there is finally confirmation stating the land is now trust.

**Motion made by Wendell Askenette that the Land into Trust issue be referred to the Budget & Finance Committee and that Community Development Committee Support the department budget increase to put the land into trust. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

6. **Permit Process Checklist-**

Susan Waukau stated that she was the person initially working on the checklist and is waiting for more information from some departments.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to table the issue. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

7. **Business Proposal Update-**

Bernie informed the committee that he really didn't have anything to update the committee on. The only new business proposal that came through is a request to build a Paint Ball Area. It's a business where people come in and chase each other around shooting paint at each other. Bernie stated that it is a popular business and that the issue went to the Menominee Tribal Legislature and is being taken care of at that level.

8. **Other Business-**

Jim Horton stated that currently there is a problem with people leasing commercial lots, having them for years and not doing anything with it. The commercial lots are very limited and when people come into Community Development Department they may be turned away because the lots are already taken. Jim also stated that currently people pay a flat fee for commercial lots and that should be changed and people should be paying by the acreage.

Committee Chairperson Boivin stated that at the next meeting there will be an agenda item on developing criteria for commercial lots.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the Pow-Wow. Jonesy Miller was present to ask the committee why there isn't a regular committee to oversee the Pow-Wow.

Committee is concerned because they did make a motion putting Stephanie Awonohopay as the Coordinator for the Pow-Wow and she was told to come back to the committee with reports. Committee is also concerned that Stephanie is making decisions that the committee should be informed of and is not.

Jonesy stated that he would like to see another Pow-Wow Committee formed, posted, and selected as it was before. Committee Chairperson Boivin stated that there isn't any money to pay the committee. Jonesy seems to think that there would be several people to apply for the committee even though they wouldn't get paid.

Committee also thinks that if a committee is formed, there should be at least one member of the Community Development sitting on the committee to oversee everything and report back to the committee. In the meantime, committee believes that Stephanie Awonohopay should be brought in to update the committee.

Susan Waukau was excused at 9:35 a.m.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature approve the posting for a Community Development Pow-Wow Ad Hoc Committee and that the committee consist of seven (7) members and would be strictly on a VOLUNTEER basis and that Dave Grignon would be the Community Development Representative to oversee the Ad Hoc Committee, Pow-Wow Operations and Pow-Wow Coordinator. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the**

**motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent (Susan Waukau). Motion carried.**

Jim Horton stated that since the committee was talking about the Pow-Wow, he wanted the committee to know that the dance field in the Woodland Bowl was torn up by a 4-wheeler. Jim stated that the ground will either need to be seeded or they will need to sod it.

**9. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services